

♦ **MISSOURI FBLA HISTORY**

The Missouri FBLA State Chapter received its charter in the spring of 1959. Prior to the chartering of the state chapter, several local chapters were organized and operated independently. Following the receipt of the state charter, State Leadership Conferences were held jointly with Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) chapters. In the early 1960s, separate State Leadership Conferences were organized.

In 1968, Mr. Charles Newman, State Director of Business and Office Education, accepted the appointment as State Chairman of FBLA-PBL. It was at that time the business and office education staff assumed responsibility for conducting the State Leadership Conference.

Through the adoption of a new set of bylaws, the Missouri FBLA State Chapter was organized into districts in the fall of 1969. The districts were organized to help promote FBLA, determine representation at the State Leadership Conference in competitive events and to expand representation on the state FBLA executive council.

The executive council divided the state into 15 districts by taking the following criteria into consideration: travel patterns, population, distance, geographic barriers and potential chapters. A school could appeal its assignment to a district based on one of the previous criteria.

During the last 30 years, the state chapter has grown from 15 districts to 20 districts with over 350 active chapters and 12,440 members. Within each district, one chapter serves as the annual lead chapter. This designation reflects a predetermined rotation of responsibility within the district or corresponds to the election of district officers with the district president's chapter often serving as the lead chapter. The method of determining lead chapter is a district choice and is not designated by the state bylaws.

♦ **NATIONAL OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS**

Missouri has been represented on the national level by eight national FBLA officers and by three members of the Board of Directors

The first national officer from Missouri was Mark Mehaffey who was elected FBLA National Vice President for the North Central Region in 1973. Since that time, Missouri has proudly supported seven other North Central Regional Vice Presidents.

Missouri National Officers include:

- 1973-74, Mark Mehaffey, Herculaneum High School
- 1979-80, Tim Brown, Normandy High School
- 1981-82, Leslee Wilkerson, Clever High School
- 1988-89, Rachel Adams, LaPlata High School
- 1993-94, Elizabeth Wiley, Crane High School
- 1995-96, Melissa Wilson, Hallsville High School
- 1997-98, Trevor Mitchell, Valley High School
- 1999-2000, Marlena Sweeney, Monett High School
- 2002-2003, Rori Schlender, Green Ridge High School

Missouri has been represented on the National Board of Directors by Lynette Thomas from Willard, Polly Burre from Mokane, and Betty Mudd, PBL Adviser from Lincoln University in Jefferson City. Becky Riney from Jackson will serve a three-year term starting after the 2001 National Leadership Conference.

♦ MISSOURI FBLA STATE PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Brenda Pridemore	Mountain Grove High School
1960-61	Pat Martin	Doniphan High School
1961-62	Walter Larson	Mt. Vernon High School
1962-63	Jackie Evans	Bonne Terre High School
1963-64	Doug Evans	Parkview High School
1964-65	Suzanne Brown	Parkview High School
1965-66	Linda Bayles	Bonne Terre High School
1966-67	Michael Ritcher	Herculaneum High School
1967-68	Jill Jameson	Clopton High School
1968-69	Betty Powers	Sikeston High School
1969-70	Mark Saunders	Jefferson City High School
1970-71	Nancy Weldy	Verona High School
1971-72	Linda McClurg	Verona High School
1972-73	Bruce Taylor	Bloomfield High School
1973-74	Mark Mehaffey	Herculaneum High School
1974-75	Mark Mills	Butler High School
1975-76	Kathy Parrish	Edina High School
1976-77	Cheryl Peppers	Herculaneum High School
1977-78	Robin Leap	Camdenton High School
1978-79	Byrona Waller	Maysville High School
1979-80	Tim Brown	Normandy High School
1980-81	Rachael Norris	Unionville High School
1981-82	Leslee Wilkerson	Clever High School
1982-83	Joseph McCreary	Unionville High School
1983-84	Deon Levingston	Rock Bridge High School
1984-85	Jeff Lester	Sikeston High School
1985-86	Taylor Mathews	Unionville High School
1986-87	Brian Pagnella	Bowling Green High School
1987-88	Kelly Samlow	Smithville High School
1988-89	Matthew Penn	Mexico Area Vocational School
1989-90	Corey Hillhouse	Gainesville High School
1990-91	Shonna Flowers	Houston High School
1991-92	Brian Prewitt	Parkway West High School
1992-93	Elizabeth Wiley	Crane High School
1993-94	Joel Henley	Green Ridge High School
1994-95	Brett Ferrel	Lee's Summit High School
1995-96	Matt Munson	Lee's Summit High School
1996-97	Melanie Bell	Bloomfield High School
1997-98	Dean Bucher	Jackson High School
1998-99	Levi Russell	Greenfield High School
1999-00	Josh Pfefferkorn	Jackson High School
2000-01	Reagan Cunningham	Brookfield High School
2001-02	Matt Walker	Bernie High School
2002-03	Brian Mueller	Central High School

♦ MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE

1968-1988	Charles Newman, FBLA-PBL State Chairman
1970-1982	J.R. Chaney, FBLA State Adviser
1982-1988	Joanne Newcomer, FBLA State Adviser
1988-2002	Joanne Newcomer, FBLA-PBL State Chairman
1988-1994	Pattie Porterfield, FBLA State Adviser
1995-2002	Carey Smith, FBLA State Adviser
2002-Present	Carey Smith, FBLA-PBL State Chairman
2002-Present	Leslie Kerns, FBLA State Adviser